



The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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October 19, 2025

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10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: **“Come, Gentle Spirit”**

by Marian Wood Chaplin (1914-1998)

*Processional Hymn: #51 “All Creatures of Our God, Now Sing” (verses 1-2, 5)

*Call to Worship:

To face the world’s shadows, **we gather in this Meetinghouse of light.**

To face the world’s coldness, **we gather in this sanctuary of warmth.**

To face the world’s terrors, **we gather in this community of courage.**

To face the world’s turmoil, **we gather in this sacred space of peace.**

Let us worship God!

*Prayer of Invocation and The Lord’s Prayer

Moment for Stewardship

Ellen Calkins

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn: #272 “Savior, Hear the Prayer We Offer”

Children’s Message

Children’s Song: # 364 “This Little Light of Mine”

(Children and youth proceed downstairs. Congregation remains seated)

Offering Invitation

Offertory Anthem: **“Old Irish Blessing”**

by Denes Agay (1911-2007)

*Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God for all that love has done;

Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

*Offering Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Response: “Come and Fill Our Hearts”

Two systems of musical notation for a two-part setting. The first system has a treble staff with a melody and a bass staff with a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics 'Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.' are written below the first staff. The second system continues the melody and accompaniment with the lyrics 'Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al-le-lu-ia!'. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/4.

Scripture: Deuteronomy 4: 9, Deuteronomy 32: 7, Luke 22: 14-19

Sermon: “A Past that Promises More”

Rev. Dr. Steven Jungkeit

*Closing Hymn: # 293 “Deep in the Shadows of the Past”

Benediction

Benediction Response

Postlude

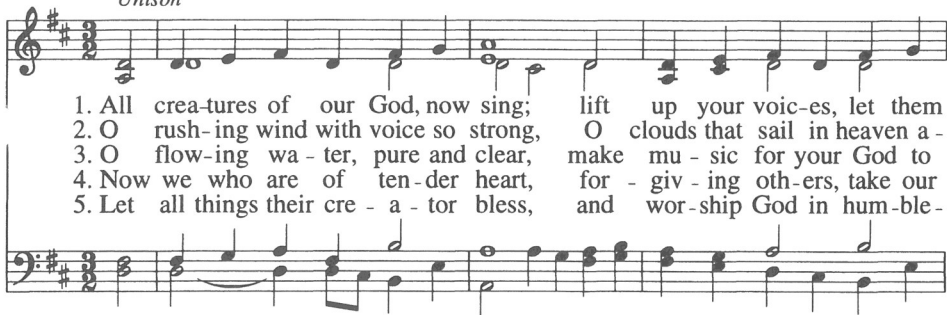
**Congregation Standing*

We thank you for worshipping with us. Following the life and teachings of Jesus, we are a church that strives to be a place of grace, welcoming all regardless of theological expression, age, race, gender, sexual identity, national origin or financial means. In our Church Constitution we recognize that “each member shall have the undisturbed right to follow the word of God according to the dictates of his, her or their own conscience, under the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit.” The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme, established in 1665, cherishes this proud Pilgrim tradition. We are honored by your presence among us, and we invite you to help us become what we endeavor to be.

All Creatures of Our God, Now Sing

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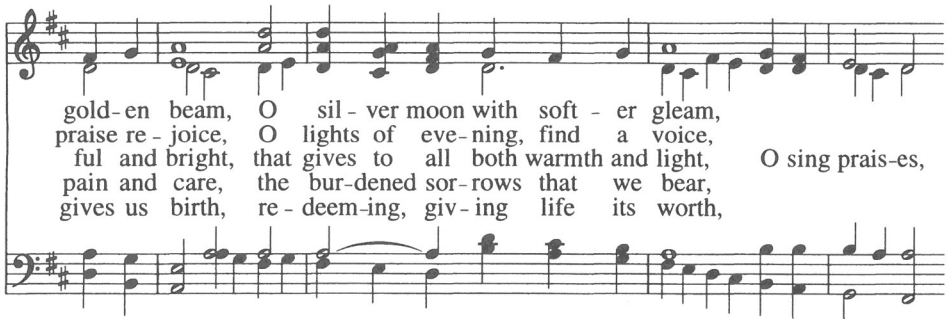
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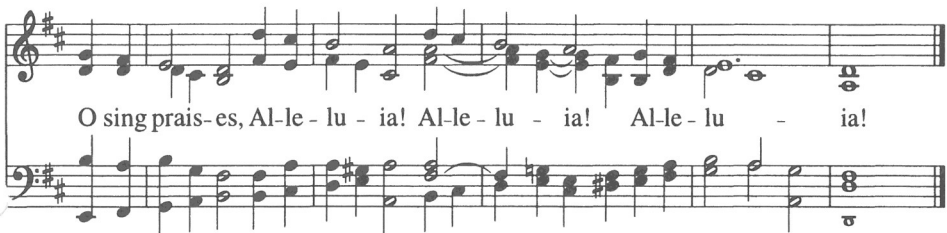
1. All crea-tures of our God, now sing; lift up your voic-es, let them
 2. O rush-ing wind with voice so strong, O clouds that sail in heav-en a-
 3. O flow-ing wa-ter, pure and clear, make mu-sic for your God to
 4. Now we who are of ten-der heart, for-giv-ing oth-ers, take our
 5. Let all things their cre-a-tor bless, and wor-ship God in hum-ble-



ring, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia! O burn-ing sun with
 long, sing your prais-es Al-le-lu-ia! O ris-ing morn, in
 hear, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia! O fire so mas-ter-
 part, sing-ing prais-es, Al-le-lu-ia! To God we lift our
 ness, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia! O praise the One who



gold-en beam, O sil-ver moon with soft-er gleam,
 praise re-joice, O lights of eve-ning, find a voice,
 ful and bright, that gives to all both warmth and light, O sing prais-es,
 pain and care, the bur-dened sor-rows that we bear,
 gives us birth, re-deem-ing, giv-ing life its worth,

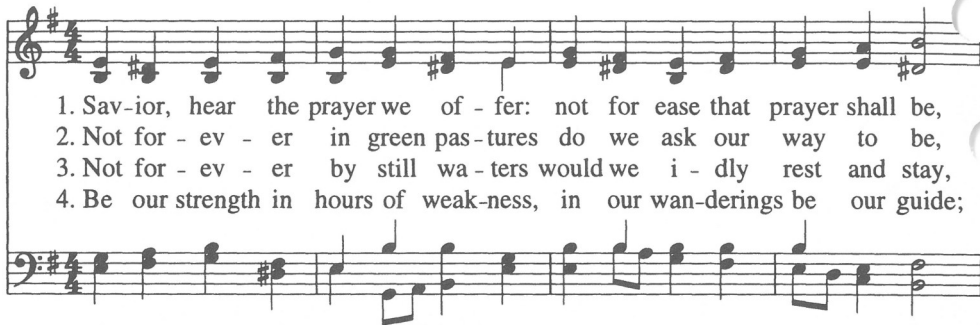


O sing prais-es, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

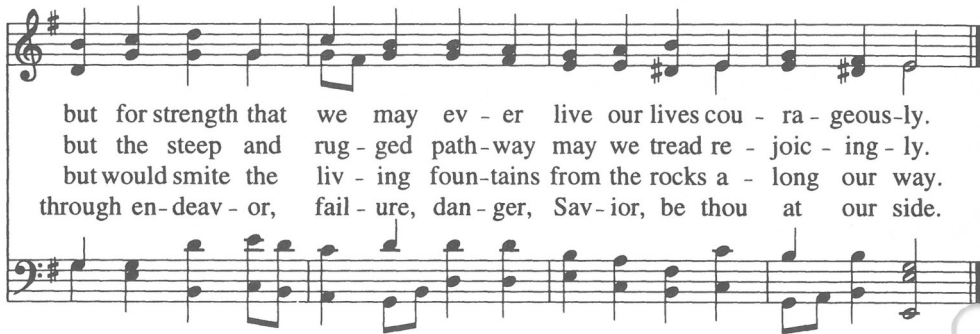
WORDS: St. Francis of Assisi, 1225; tr. William H. Draper, 1925, alt.
 MUSIC: *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Cologne, 1623;
 harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, *The English Hymnal*, 1906

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Savior, Hear the Prayer We Offer



1. Sav-ior, hear the prayer we of - fer: not for ease that prayer shall be,
 2. Not for - ev - er in green pas-tures do we ask our way to be,
 3. Not for - ev - er by still wa - ters would we i - dly rest and stay,
 4. Be our strength in hours of weak-ness, in our wan-derings be our guide;



but for strength that we may ev - er live our lives cou - ra - geous-ly.
 but the steep and rug - ged path-way may we tread re - joic - ing - ly.
 but would smite the liv - ing foun-tains from the rocks a - long our way.
 through en-deav - or, fail - ure, dan - ger, Sav-ior, be thou at our side.

WORDS: Love M. Willis, 1859, and others, alt.
 MUSIC: Melody, Johann Crüger, 1649

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Mrs. Love Willis lived in Rochester, New York. Over one hundred years ago the simple pronoun change from the original 'I' to 'we' meant much for the spirit of this hymn.

This Little Light of Mine

1. This lit-tle light of mine, (of mine) I'm gon-na let it shine; (Oh ___)

(of mine) (Oh ___)

This lit-tle light of mine, (of mine) I'm gon-na let it shine; (Oh ___)

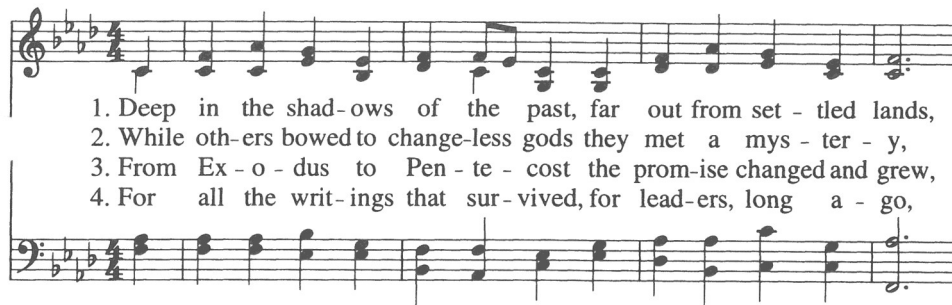
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(of mine)

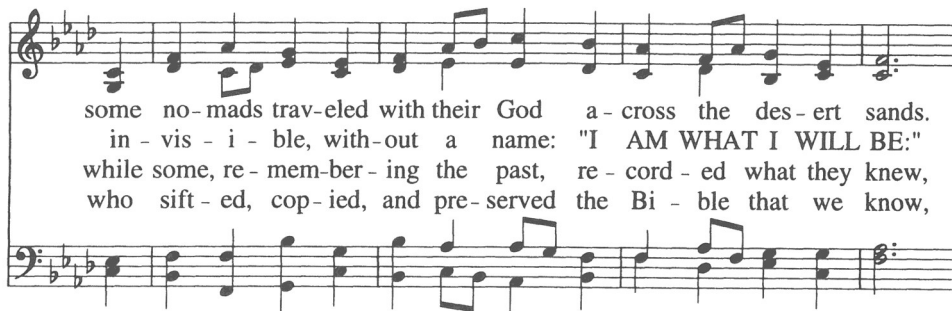
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. (oh, let it shine.)

st. 1-4

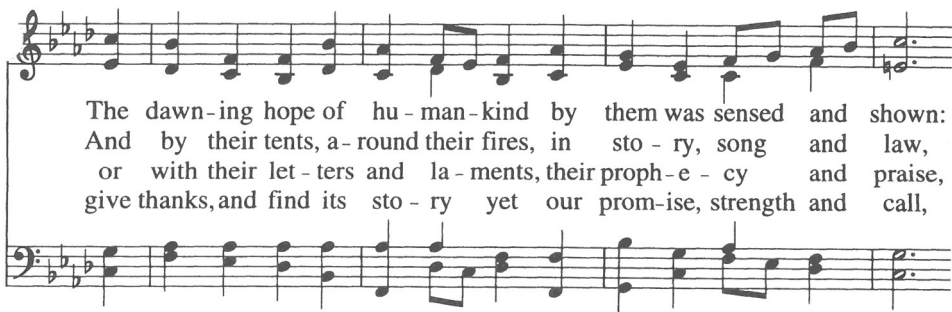
2. This great joy I have, I'm gon-na let it shine . . .
3. Ev-'ry-where I go I'm gon-na let it shine . . .
4. All- through the night I'm gon-na let it shine . . .
5. repeat st. 1



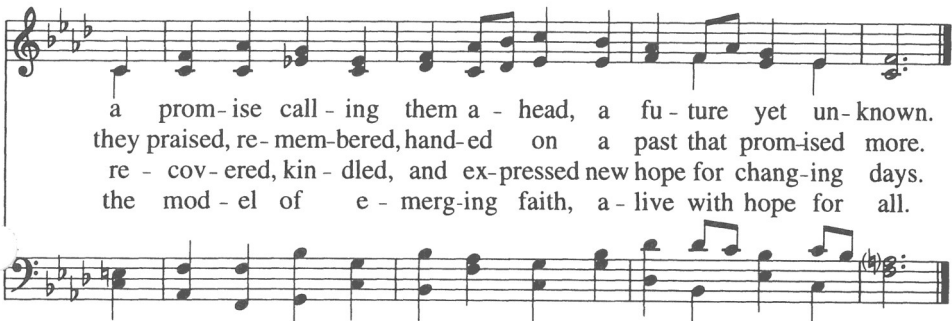
1. Deep in the shad-ows of the past, far out from set - tled lands,
 2. While oth-ers bowed to change-less gods they met a mys - ter - y,
 3. From Ex - o - dus to Pen - te - cost the prom-ise changed and grew,
 4. For all the writ-ings that sur - vived, for lead-ers, long a - go,



some no-mads trav-eled with their God a - cross the des-ert sands.
 in - vis - i - ble, with-out a name: "I AM WHAT I WILL BE:"
 while some, re - mem-ber - ing the past, re - cord - ed what they knew,
 who sift - ed, cop - ied, and pre - served the Bi - ble that we know,



The dawn-ing hope of hu - man-kind by them was sensed and shown:
 And by their tents, a - round their fires, in sto - ry, song and law,
 or with their let - ters and la - ments, their proph - e - cy and praise,
 give thanks, and find its sto - ry yet our prom-ise, strength and call,



a prom-ise call - ing them a - head, a fu - ture yet un-known.
 they praised, re-mem-bered, hand-ed on a past that prom-ised more.
 re - cov - ered, kin - dled, and ex-pressed new hope for chang-ing days.
 the mod - el of e - merg-ing faith, a - live with hope for all.

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 4: 9

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

Deuteronomy 32: 7

Remember the days of old;
consider the years long past;
ask your father, and he will inform you,
your elders, and they will tell you.

Luke 22: 14-19

When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves, for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Choir Anthems

Introit: "Come, Gentle Spirit"

by Marian Wood Chaplin (1914-1998)

Text: Come, gentle Spirit, come, I have need of thy healing grace. Come, make me pure within; all my sins erase. Let them, like bonds set free, nevermore my captors be. Humbly to thee I bow; Come gentle Spirit, now.

Come, gentle Spirit, come, I have need of thy perfect peace. May calm repose begin, all my fears release; Let them on wings take flight, nevermore to cloud my sight. Not only for this day come, gentle Jesus, stay.

Offertory Anthem: "Old Irish Blessing"

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Text: May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be always at your back, the sun shine warm upon your face, the rains fall soft upon your fields, and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand. May the Lord bless you and keep you, may the Lord cause his face to shine upon you and give you peace.

The host for the Fellowship hour this morning is Ellen Calkins.

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*The nursery is open today.*  
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*If you would like to contribute flowers for our communion table,
please call Jill Harned at 603-398-9004 to reserve a date. Thank you.*

Today's Events

Faith-Based Community Organizing in Southeastern CT: TODAY in the Fellowship Hall after the 10:00 am service.

For the past year, five members of FCCOL have been meeting with other congregations across Southeast Connecticut (SE CT) to learn a form of faith-based community organizing that is grounded in relationship building and storytelling. These conversations, both internal and external, are the building blocks to create a power-base for systemic change in Southeastern CT.

Join us to learn more about this exciting initiative, and to hear from Rev. Bill White, Simsbury UCC, on how they've done it in Hartford, and to meet Ms. Amber Moye, the new SE CT community organizer.

Upcoming Events this Week

Ladies Who Stitch *Monday, October 20th at 10:00 am* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Walt's Pottery Class *Tuesday, October 21st at 6:00 pm* in the Pottery Studio.

Newsletter Deadline for Submissions *Wednesday, October 22nd.*

Grief Group *Wednesday, October 22nd at 5:00 pm* in the Hoag Parlor.

Senior Choir Rehearsal *Wednesday, October 22nd at 7:30 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Bible Study: The Book of Exodus: Stories of Exile and the Search for Freedom

Thursday, October 23rd, 11:00 am in the Library. Email the church at fccol@fccol.org or call 860-434-8686 for the link to the zoom Bible Study.

Shoreline Food Pantry *Saturday, October 25th at 8:30 am* in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday Worship Service and Adult Forum with Dr. Mark Braverman *Sunday, October 26th at 10:00 am* (Adult Forum following in the Fellowship Hall).

Dine: New London Meal Center *Sunday, October 26th departing FCCOL at 3:30 pm.*

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Upcoming Events Next Week

Monday Bible Study and Brown Bag Lunch with Dr. Mark Braverman *Monday, October 27th at 12 pm* in the Fellowship Hall.

Potluck Dinner and Bible Study with Dr. Mark Braverman *Tuesday, October 28th at 5:30 pm* in the Fellowship Hall.

SAVE THE DATE: FCCOL Moth Potluck Dinner Friday, November 7th: We still are looking for a couple of storytellers for our Moth storytelling night scheduled for November 7th (note that the date has been corrected from the 3rd to the 7th). Everyone has a fun story or two... please share! If you think you can cobble together a 5-minute story, we would love to hear from you (youth group members this also means you). Contact Tom Sherer. (tesjr299@outlook.com) and we can discuss.

IRIS Donations Requested

With the onset of fall and chillier temperatures, we have heard from recent discussions with IRIS (the Integrated Refugee and Immigration Services in New Haven) that there is a special need for gently used blankets, twin size bedding, towels, hats, gloves and socks. If anyone might have something they would like to clear out of their closets, please feel free to leave your greatly appreciated donations on the Sheffield stage over the next few weeks. We are planning a 'run' to IRIS in the first week of November. Warm thanks!!

Homeless Hospitality Concert and Fundraiser at FCCOL

Community Benefit Concert with the **Yale Whiffenpoofs** and a wine reception, in support of the New London Homeless Hospitality Center at FCCOL on Sunday, November 30th from 4:00 - 6:00 pm Tickets are \$50, Join us to celebrate music, community and compassion in helping HHC continue it's important work in helping our neighbors get a home. Tickets can be purchased at: givebutter.com/whiffs.

The 2026 Stewardship Campaign is off to a very good start. So far we have received commitments of \$288,530, or 44% of our \$650,000 goal, to keep our church funded for next year. **THANK YOU!** We are deeply grateful for those who have responded, and we hope many more can help reach this important goal. Commitment cards are available in Fellowship Hall for those who need one, and just calling the office works as well!

Moment for Stewardship

Joe and I have been coming to FCCOL for about 15 years. We were long-time loyal members of the Second Congregational Church of New London. While attending that church, our older daughter Charlotte discovered the JPF here at FCCOL led by Allison Hine. There were enticing programs and even more enticing boys. She joined the group and we started to come to services on occasion. When Second Church eventually closed, it was an easy transition.

Over the next ten years, the kids got increasingly involved in church programs. Midnight run, food pantry, and even a vacation Bible school. In 2012, we got a call from David Good. Would we consider joining a trip to the West Bank. It was a little shocking at first. But next thing you know, Joe, Hugh and Abigail were headed out to Palestine. Abigail later went to Haiti and then joined a second journey to the West Bank.

As the kids were involved in these programs, I knew they were having a good time and had to be learning. But I sort of wondered. Were they actually absorbing much? Did all these programs make a difference in the long run?

I'm here to tell you that yes, the experiences the children have here at FCCOL do make a real difference. Our oldest two children, Peter and Charlotte are in education and medicine.

The younger two, Hugh and Abigail, had more time within this church community. One of the themes they learned was the importance of protecting our environment. Not long ago, we heard a sermon on the threats to and recovery of osprey on the Connecticut River. Hence, it is no coincidence that Hugh has chosen the environmental field and is currently working to develop sustainable fisheries.

The kids learned the importance and value of all human life no matter where one lives. Social justice and action to ensure it was encouraged each week in church school and on special expeditions. So it makes sense that Abigail absorbed these values and currently works as a legislative staffer for Congressman Raskin.

Does this church really make any difference in the lives and development of your children? Absolutely.

Let's all give generously during this pledge drive.

Ellen Calkins



To paraphrase that old favorite hymn, WE love to tell the story of this church! Why?

We welcome everyone, including those of every race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender expression, economic circumstance and faith background into the full life of our church.

We encourage each person to grow on their own journey of faith according to their own conscience.

We have six vibrant ministries of Worship, Christian Education, Music, Pastoral Care, Community Support and Mission Outreach.

We are committed to social justice both here and around the world.

We nurture mutually enriching partnerships with Native Americans, the people of Haiti, Palestine and the churches of South Africa.

We actively support immigrants in need.

We minister to the local community supporting the Homeless Hospitality Center, the Community Meal Center, the Shoreline Soup Kitchens and Pantries, and more ...

We have a benevolence giving budget that extends our ministries locally and worldwide.

And our story continues to inspire. Is it any wonder we love telling it?

Sustaining this story needs the financial support of all our members and friends. Your support accounts for over 75% of our annual needs.

We are grateful for all your generous support.

The Board of Stewardship